



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

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REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT by Knockanattin Windfarm Limited care of RCL of Kilvemnon, Mullinahone, Thurles, County Tipperary.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission for a single wind turbine in the townlands of Knockanattin and Broomhill, Ballingarry, County Tipperary. The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

1. the construction of one number wind turbine with an overall tip height of up to 150 metres,
2. the construction of a crane hardstand area located beside the turbine,
3. the construction of a 20kV substation building with associated electrical plant equipment and security fence,
4. the construction of internal windfarm underground cabling,
5. the construction of a new site access track,
6. installation of a drainage system for the proposed hardstand and road areas, and
7. all associated site development and ancillary works.

Decision

REFUSE the exemption from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact statement under section 172 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the documentation on file, the Board is not satisfied that: exceptional circumstances so warrant, that the application of the requirement to prepare an environmental impact assessment report would adversely affect the purpose of the proposed development, and that the objectives of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive are otherwise met, such that an exemption from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact assessment report be granted.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2021